

Remarks

Claims 1-12, 14-18, 20, 21, and 23-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12 and 14-17 have been allowed. Claims 8, 16, and 25 have been canceled. Claim 18 has been amended. Reconsideration and re-examination of the application is respectfully requested.

1. On July 15, 2005, Examiner Tho Dac Ta contacted the undersigned to discuss various amendments to the claims that would put the subject application in condition for allowance. The amendments presented herein reflect Examiner Tho Dac Ta's suggested amendments. The application is therefore considered to be in condition for allowance.

2. The Examiner has rejected claims 18, 20, 21, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,616,052 issued to Pan et al.

As discussed with Examiner Tho Dac Ta on July 15, 2005, claim 18 has been amended to state that "each of the receiving element grooves is larger than any surface unevenness of the receiving element." As shown in the Examiner's marked-up Figure on page 3 of the Detailed Action mailed July 26, 2005, the Examiner has identified internal threads of screw mounting kit 36 of Pan et al. as the receiving element grooves of the claimed invention and insulative housing 32 of Pan et al. as the receiving element of the claimed invention. As clearly shown in Figure 7 of Pan et al., the internal threads are not larger than any surface unevenness of the insulative housing 32. Additionally, Pan et al. is silent as to the internal threads being larger than any surface unevenness of the insulative housing 32. Pan et al. therefore does not teach all the elements of claim 18. Removal of the rejection of claim 18 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 20, 21, 23, and 24 depend from independent claim 18. Because Pan et al. fails to teach all of the elements of claim 18, Pan et al. also fails to teach all of the elements of claims 20, 21, 23, and 24. Removal of the rejection of claims 20, 21, 23, and 24 is therefore respectfully requested.

3. The Examiner has rejected claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,616,052 issued to Pan et al.

As discussed with Examiner Tho Dac Ta on July 15, 2005, the claim limitations in claims 8, 16, and 25 contradict the claim limitations of their respective base claims. Claims 8, 16, and 25 have therefore been canceled. The rejection of claim 25 is therefore moot.

In view of the amendments and arguments presented herein, the application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issue is respectfully requested.

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